

tion of the law of March 20th above referred to, four-fifths of the promissory notes of the Republic have been filed in the Auditor's office, and the operation of the law passed by the Senate, on the 28th ult., will be to benefit exclusively the remaining one-fifth of our creditors, who are the holders of this particular character of our liabilities, and that, too, when their claims have been expressly postponed by law, while all who have complied with that law, are excluded from using their claims.

This, in the opinion of the undersigned, is illegal, unjust and an infringement upon the just rights of our other creditors, and he protests against it in the most solemn manner, because, in his opinion, it should place all the creditors on equal ground and secure to them all an equal share in the benefits of any law, by which those liabilities are to be redeemed by the State.

J. B. ROBERTSON.

On motion of Mr. McRae, the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 10, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace. The journals of Saturday were read and adopted.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to change the names of Melissa J., James, Alexander and Parola Simonds, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Ward, Mr. Pease was excused from attendance, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Portis, the motion to reconsider the vote which rejected a bill for the relief of Jonathan Bird, was taken up, and vote reconsidered.

The Chair decided that it required a vote of two-thirds of the Senate to pass the bill; from which decision Mr. Ward appealed.

The Senate sustained the appeal, and the bill passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Kinney, Moffett, Phillips, Portis, Truit, Van Derlip and Ward—10.

Nays: Messrs. Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Robertson, Taylor and Wallace—6.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion to reconsider the vote, which passed a bill providing payment for the forage and subsistence of the company of mounted volunteers mustered into the service of this State, on the 10th June, 1849, by Col. H. L. Kinney, was taken up.

Mr. Portis moved the indefinite postponement of the motion; upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood thus;

Yeas: Messrs. Davis, Kinney, McRae, Moffett, Portis, Robertson, Taylor and Van Derlip—8.

Nays: Messrs. Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, Phillips, Truit, Ward and Wallace—8.

There being a tie, the President voted in the negative; the vote was then taken on the motion to reconsider and lost.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills and joint resolutions:

A bill to provide for holding an election for the permanent location of the seat of government of the State;

A bill to create the county of McLennan;

A joint resolution providing for the mutual surrender of persons therein mentioned by the United States and Mexico; and,

A joint resolution for the relief of John Barton; which were severally read first time.

Mr. Robertson introduced a bill to provide for the liquidation of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Latimer introduced a bill to incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance; read first time.

A bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of the State, and the substitute for the same offered by Mr. Wallace, on a previous day, were read.

Mr. Wallace moved to refer the bill and substitute to a Select committee.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, they were laid on the table until Wednesday, the 12th inst.

A bill to fix the whole number of Senators at twenty-one and apportion them among the several districts herein established, according to the number of qualified electors, and to apportion fifty-two, the whole number of Representatives, among the several counties, according to the number of free white population in each, and the substitute for all after the 3d section, were laid on the table until Wednesday, the 12th inst.

A bill for the relief of William K. Melton ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. McRae, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to William Shipp of Sabine county for one league of land ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wallace, laid on the table until to-morrow.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a head-right certificate, first class, for one league and labor of land to James Taylor ; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of C. C. Taylor ; read second time and passed to the third reading.

A bill to change the names of Melissa J., James, Alexander and Parola Simonds ; read second time and passed to the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ward, a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States to procure the establishment of certain mail routes upon which the mail shall be transported in coaches and hacks was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the 4th section was amended by striking out "two" and inserting "four."

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill was amended by striking out the 1st section to the word "whereas."

Mr. Latimer moved to amend by adding the following new route : "From Henderson, Rusk county, via Rusk in Cherokee county and Palestine, to Crockett, in two horse coaches ;" carried.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the bill by adding the following new route : "From Marshall to Tyler, via Gilmer, in two horse coaches ;" carried.

Mr. Latimer offered the following as a substitute for the 1st route. "From Shreveport, La., to Bonham, Texas, in four horse coaches, via Greenwood, La., Marshall, Jefferson, Jones' Ferry, Boston, De Kalb, Clarksville and Paris ;" adopted.

On motion of Mr. Latimer, the third route was stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the bill was amended by striking out "two horse coaches" and inserting "four horse coaches" in 2d route.

Mr. Robertson offered the following as a new route : "From Stevenson's to Austin, via Brenham, Montville, Alexander's and Litton's, once a week, in two horse coaches ;" adopted.

Mr. Robertson moved to amend by striking out the 3d section

and inserting "Sec. 3. That the Governor of this State is hereby required to transmit copies of this joint resolution to the Post Master General of the United States, and, also, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and that this joint resolution be in force from and after its passage;" adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, a bill to prescribe the mode of adoption was taken up and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Latimer, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 11, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Pease presented the petition of S. B. Grissom, administrator of the estate of Francis J. Haskins; which was, on motion of Mr. Pease, referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Phillips presented the memorial of Messrs. Webb and Duval; which was, on motion of Mr. Pease, referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Portis presented the petition of Jas. E. Edmiston; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Portis, referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Austin College, approved November —, 1849; read first time.

Mr. McRae introduced a joint resolution for the relief of the citizens of Jasper county; read first time.

Mr. Portis introduced a bill to reserve to every family in the State certain property therein specified, and to exempt the same from forced sale under execution or otherwise; read first time.

Mr. Wallace offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislature will adjourn *sine die*, on the sixtieth day next ensuing the day, on which the two Houses were organized.

On motion of Mr. Parker, laid on the table.